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Bizarre crash through front door



There were three family members at home when this minivan went through the front of the house beside Regal Florist on Niagara Stone Rd., but nobody, including the driver and passenger, was hurt. Photo submitted

➤ Minivan making left turn from Niagara Stone Rd. east-bound onto Line 1 crashes into house beside Regal Florist

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

He's heard all the jokes - door-crasher special, drive-thru, even "the new traffic circle in Virgil."

Regal Florist co-owner Darrell Boer can laugh about circumstances that ended with a minivan through the front door of the house on the property of the Niagara Stone Rd. garden centre Saturday afternoon.

Nobody was hurt—that in itself was a miracle—and the collision, as it unfolded, was so bizarre that Boer has to draw a diagram to explain it.

A Honda Odyssey was south-bound on Niagara Stone Rd., when the driver attempted to make a left turn on to Line 1. Somehow, says Boer, the driver over-steered and lost control, clipping the back of a pick-up truck stopped on Line 1, at the red light, heading west.

What happened next he still finds hard to describe.

The police report, says Niagara Regional Police Const. Derek Watson, says the Odyssey "arced" after hitting the pick-up.

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Town ready to listen to residents' opinions on marijuana facilities

Penny Coles
Niagara Advocate

The Town is ready to listen to what residents have to say about medical marijuana facilities.

The opportunity for residents to talk about their problems with pot-grow-

ing operations, which are permitted and licensed under federal legislation, will occur at what the Town and planning department call a pre-public information meeting, not required as part of the planning act. The meetings are designed to give planning staff a chance to see what resi-

dents are thinking. Town staff and politicians already know there are concerns from Garrison Village residents about the proximity of the Lakeshore Rd. greenhouse operation, now being used to grow marijuana, to their subdivision. The business hasn't yet received its licence

from the federal government, but is in the process of applying.

Lord Mayor Dave Eke says he has spoken to MP Rob Nicholson and written to Health Minister Rona Ambrose regarding the Town's problem with the federal licence review process for grow-up applications.

It doesn't take into account any concerns of the municipality, he says.

He'd like to see a process similar to other planning developments, where the Town is asked to comment at the beginning of the application

process. In this case, by the time the Town knows about an application, it's too late to have any input, he says.

"Our community is experiencing a great deal of angst with this one site in particular," he wrote to Ambrose, "which could have been effectively addressed much sooner in the process if our community had first been allowed to express its support or concerns about such a facility."

Eke would like the licensing process to be amended to require applicants to provide site plan information to Health Canada, which would be forwarded to municipalities for comment.

Health Canada could go

ahead and approve or turn down an application, but at least, said Eke, "our residents would know we're standing up for them."

There are also some regulations he'd like to have clarified, such as whether a medical marijuana operation falls under the category of a pharmaceutical or agricultural operation. The answer to that would determine what is permitted as far as zoning, he said.

Some municipalities, such as Ottawa and Port Colborne, are dealing with the issue by treating such facilities as pharmaceutical operations, limiting them to areas of commercial zoning.

At the same time, he says, he doesn't want to discount the opportunity of such a development to the farming community.

"We want to understand the regulations clearly," he said.

"And we want to listen to the public, and establish exactly what our controls can be, or should be."

There will be another public meeting, likely June 16, when the planning staff report, incorporating comments from Monday's meeting, comes forward, he said.

The May 5 meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber.

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Vehicle only stopped because it hit inside wall, says family member

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The minivan actually did a 360-degree turn, says Roer, knocking down the shrubs in the parking lot of the small mall across the street, crossing Niagara Stone Rd. and hitting the back of the garden planted around the Regal Florist sign that people driving through Virgil are so familiar with.

Roer, who was at the garden centre talking to a customer, ran outside when he heard the first crash and then a sound like an engine revving, but far louder than it should have been.

He says he yelled for someone to call 911 before the vehicle even hit the garden.

"When I heard it, I looked up and saw it crossing the street, flying," he said.

"It was air-borne by then," says Roer.

He said the mini-van sold over his parking lot, rico-

chet off the back of his Dodge Ram pick-up truck that was parked in the lot, and then veer toward the house.

"It happened so quickly it was hard to process what I was seeing," he said.

"I thought at first it might hit the greenhouse, but then I realized it was headed for the house."

It went through the front door and came to a stop in the foyer, fortuitously before it hit the staircase to the second level.

His sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Mark Langbroek, co-owners of Regal, and their four kids, aged 14 to 20, live in the house.

Three of the family members were home at the time: Michelle was in the basement, her youngest son was upstairs and her daughter Allison, the oldest, was in the living room at the front of the house, working on her computer.

She got up to look out the window when she

heard the commotion outside - she heard the crash into the first truck and then the squealing as the minivan crossed the street. She watched it hit her uncle's truck and come toward the house, she said.

"I think I shut down then. I don't think I realized what had happened until the book shelf went flying across the room and the things that were on it came flying towards me."

The inside wall beside her was taken out and when the family looked at the mess later, the tire marks in the house were pointing right at where she was standing, she said.

"It's only because it hit the wall that it stopped. And not a single person has a scratch on them. It really was a miracle," said Langbroek.

While she screamed for her mother and brother—he had to jump over the railing and the van to get out—Roer had run to the minivan, opened the



The minivan crashed through the front door of the house beside Regal Florist and stopped just short of taking down the stairs to the upstairs.

Photo by Allison Langbroek

side door and quickly released the driver and passenger. They were unhurt, but he could hear screaming

inside the house, and called to somebody to go in and get the family members out the side door.

"I was really shaken," said Langbroek.

"I had to sit down in the greenhouse and calm down. I'm still replaying it in my head, and we've all gone over a million and one scenarios of what could have happened. It could have been so much worse."

It was a busy Saturday afternoon in the greenhouse and store, with cars coming and going in the parking lot, but when he ran outside, Roer says, there was nobody walking in the lot—otherwise the outcome could have been quite different.

There was little damage to the truck on Line 1, but extensive damage to his truck, he said.

The front door of the house is boarded up, but the family can continue to live there while the house is repaired, he said.

The driver, a 40-year-old man from Hamilton, was charged with careless driving, said Watson.

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Weather delays start of jet boats on Niagara River

Tours start when there is no danger of running into chunks of ice

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The jet boats are in the water, but adventure tours are on hold until there's no danger of running into chunks of ice on the river.

It's always a waiting game, says Garry Hiertly, operations manager of Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours, but this year the harsh winter has delayed the start of tours on the Niagara River and forced the cancellation of some of their bookings.

Like other boaters and tourism operators, "we're affected by the weather," he says.

The adventure rides

can't begin until the ice boom, which keeps the ice on Lake Erie from flowing into the river and causing shoreline damage, is removed, says Hiertly. The decision to remove it is based on the amount of ice remaining on Lake Erie, and is at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Once it's removed, it takes three to five days for the ice to flow over the falls, along the river and into Lake Ontario.

"We're usually operating by late April," says Hiertly.

"Last season was an anomaly in the other direction—we were underway by April 19."

The boats will be in the water and ready to go by Friday, but it could be another week after that until tours are underway, he said, pending ice conditions.

The boom is removed when the remaining ice



Mike DiBattista CMI Agency Niagara

Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours began putting its eight boats in the water last Thursday, but ice on Lake Erie is delaying the start of their season.

on Lake Erie is judged to be 250 square miles. It's now at about 750 square miles and even larger on the east end of the lake.

The 250-square-mile guideline is based on the amount of ice that can safely travel down the river, broken into chunks as it goes over the falls, without severe damage to the shoreline, he

explains.

However, he said, there is also always the possibility, depending on the wind, that the ice could move instead to the other side of the lake and not even make it into the river.

But nobody takes that chance—and other tour operators such as the Maid of the Mist and

Hornblower are in the same boat.

Whirlpool won't even put its Queenston docks in the water until there is no chance of ice moving down the river, he said.

"Ice is very unforgiving, and nobody wants to get it its way."

Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours has eight boats to launch at the NOTL

Sailing Club, where they will remain docked until tours begin from the Melville St. operation in the Old Town as well as from Queenston and Lewiston.

"The long-term forecast is for a hot summer, so that's great news for the season," says Hiertly. "We're just waiting for it to kick in."

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Meeting draws small crowd, broad concerns

Residents want to talk about traffic, school closures and marijuana growing operations

Randy Klaassen
Special to the Advance

Property standards, school property, medical marijuana facilities and the Anne St. development were issues residents attending the third town hall meeting Monday at the community centre wanted to talk about.

NOTL Lord Mayor Dave Eke chaired the meeting which was attended by about 30 residents, members of council and town staff.

The first order of business was the Oct. 27 municipal election, with an offer from town staff to ensure residents are on the voters list.

The purpose of the meeting, Eke told those in attendance, was to provide transparency on issues facing the council, and work to improve services by hearing directly from residents.

While the attendance was light, the number and range of topics was not.

The number one issue on

the minds of many participants was school closures in NOTL. While there will likely be an appeal with regards to District School Board of Niagara trustees voting to close Parliament Oak, the question was asked as to how DSBN will deal with the valuable properties, which also includes Niagara District Secondary School.

Eke told the gathering he is committed to following up is how the province will address the issue of small communities losing their schools. "Small communities cannot survive without local schools and the provincial system in place is not working," he said.

Council member Dick said "the minimal representation small communities have on district school boards is a problem across the province. If a school is slated for an accommodation review committee process, it's a death nail."

A number of concerns were raised with regard to property standards. While the town continues its policy of not taking action unless it receives a complaint, a number of examples of "eye-sores" in the community were named by participants.

"Can the town order the demolition of derelict buildings?" The reply was "Yes,



Council members Dennis Dick and Maria Bau-Coote take notes during a town hall meeting at the community centre Monday.

but not if the property owner has been given an extension to work out plans for the property," was Council member Terry Flynn's reply.

With regard to how some residents keep up their properties Council member Martin Mazza indicated there is a difference between property zoned rural and residential. "The current policy of the town taking action only when a complaint is received really puts neighbour against neighbour," he said.

Mazza said he would rather

see a hybrid approach where town staff also report violations of town bylaws. Because some properties were named at the table discussion councillors were able to provide background as to a history of actions taken, which follow a specific process. In extreme situations the town is required to apply for a court order to enforce its own bylaws to clean up a property, which the resident pays for. The best option, residents were told, is to have compliance to the bylaws rather

than having to enforce them.

Participants were interested to hear from council members about the process of development of the Anne St. property. It was pointed out that when a property owner disagrees with town zoning requirements it usually results in an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. This process is expensive for taxpayers, and usually results in the town's loss.

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our editorial

Medical marijuana facilities subject of information meeting for residents

Is it closing the barn door after the horses are gone?

Or in this case, welcoming medical marijuana facilities and then questioning whether we really want them in our neighbourhood.

The Town is holding an information meeting at the town hall Monday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss medical marijuana operations. Residents are invited to share any concerns they may have, concerns that may be dealt with in a report from staff to town council expected next month.

There is no question that it would have been timely for the Town planning staff and politicians to look at the possibilities of medical marijuana operations in our community before they actually set up shop.

To ask Health Canada for clarifications on regulations; to look at what, if anything, the town can do to control or appropriately locate such operations; to suggest changes to the application process are all measures that make sense.

However, the Town has known this change in legislation was in the works for at least a year. Other municipalities have already enacted legislation. And given the agricultural industry in town and the number of greenhouses, it's no surprise this is an attractive location.

It's great that the Town is reacting to an issue that concerns residents. Too bad it wasn't proactive in facing the issue head-on in a more timely manner.

letters to the editor

CARE will look for alternative education in Old Town

The DSNB trustees made the wrong decision.

They voted for a recommendation that's bad for our children, bad for our community and bad for Niagara's taxpayers. But the book is not closed on elementary education in our community – perhaps, it is just the beginning of a better

chapter.
CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) will continue to work diligently to lead the appeal of the decision made by the DSNB and work with the Ministry of Education to overturn the decision, but we will also turn our attentions to finding an alternative to the public system for Old Town.

We will meet with the Parliament Oak families – and all families in Old Town and NOTL – to collectively determine what education solution would be best suited for our community. There is no doubt that Old

Town needs an elementary school – we have heard this loud and clear from residents, businesses and politicians of all levels – and if it's not the public system it will be another one.

There are many other options: the Catholic system, a Montessori, a semi-private school, a co-operative school – and CARE is excited to turn the page and work with our community to find the best solution that meets the needs of our children and families.

Robbin Ridesic
CARE

Celebrating heritage



Dr. Richard Merritt, owner of De Puisaye House; Chris Ponsioen and Matt Swan, owners of Silversmith Brewing Company are recipients of the Peter J. Stokes Heritage Commendations. Chairing the Special Council Meeting on Heritage at the Niagara Historical Museum Monday was Lord Mayor Dave Eke. Missing from the photo are David Jones, owner and Wayne Murray, architect of 114 Queen Street; Sylvia Clark from 426 Victoria Street and Marylebe O'Neill from 392 Mississauga Street.

Photo by Jennifer Chornley

Bluebells, forsythia and tulips out – also time to get crab grass killer out

Have an old sheet handy if you're thinking of planting now

I went for a walk the other day and found some pleasant surprises, like bluebells. That sure brought back some memories.

The bluebells picked on my walk went in a vase when I got home, but never really recovered from being squeezed into a bag for the walk home.

The daffodils are out at last and the tulips are finally getting there.



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

When I complained about how late everything was, a friend commented to me, 'would you stick your head out right now if

you had a choice?' Makes one think.

I came across some pansies but I am not sure of their vintage, since I haven't planted any yet.

You can start planting but you should have some old sheets at hand, and if you hear the word 'frost' in the forecast, throw the sheets over your new plants.

Yes the forsythia is finally coming out, so that means it's time to get the crab grass killer on. Just think, one crab grass plant can produce 60,000 seeds.

Happy gardening.

letters to the editor

Most Niagara farmers treat farm workers like family

We are writing this letter in response to an article entitled "Lose your health, lose your job" (Niagara Advance, April 17).

The article contains several generalizations and in the opinion of several local farmers, factual errors that understate the importance of a caring attitude between the farmers of Niagara and their migrant workforce.

The reporter notes the possibility of a migrant

worker hiding, or not seeking treatment for an illness or workplace injury for fear that they will be replaced and sent back to their country.

He further suggests through interviews that long work days and a lack of transportation may be reason for them not to seek medical care. Language and cultural reasons were also provided as "evidence" that farm workers would not be provided or ask for needed health care.

In essence, the article casts a poor shadow on the farmers of Niagara without addressing the facts — that migrant workers are an essential component of sustainable farming in Niagara and that most growers treat their employees as family, ensuring that their

health care needs are met and treated with privacy as illnesses and injuries arise.

In most farm work places (most certainly on our farms), workers that are sick or injured are transported to a medical clinic or hospital immediately upon evidence or report of illness.

If the worker does not speak English, a translator (either the farm owner or another bilingual paid employee) is sent with them.

Whatever is prescribed to the (OHIP covered) employee by the health professional is what we provide to that employee immediately (bed rest, medications, follow up treatment).

We all have countless examples of this being the normal standard of

care for migrant workers from our farms or our industry neighbours.

It's simply not feasible to send a worker home because an illness or injury as it ignores some very important realities.

Migrant workers have experience and are trained on our procedures and job requirements, it's not a simple proposition to replace somebody with 15 years of experience (the average tenure of our migrant staff on most all our farms).

Migrant workers are like family to us, in several cases we now have the second generation of Mexican migrant workers joining our farming team. It's important for us that their parents would recommend us as a welcoming and safe

work place where all of their health care concerns will be addressed if necessary.

Migrant workers, like all of our Canadian workers on staff are covered by WSIB (as employers we pay the required premiums) so serious injuries that would prevent an employee from continuing his or her job would be covered using the same WSIB procedures that any Ontario employee/employer would use.

While drawing comparisons to the "imaginary" workplace where you could be let go of "for any reason, any reason at all, with no recourse or appeal", the article fails to point out that the Mexican consulate has a branch assigned to provide liaison and

counsel to Mexican migrant workers (as does the Jamaican consulate).

Their job, as requested, is to let employees know their workplace rights in Ontario and answer any questions or concerns that they have, in their native language.

If there are farm employers that don't have the same standards for their employees as it pertains to health care, it's likely a condition of the law of averages.

We can say with absolute assurance that the employment conditions described in this article are not a fair or real representation of most farms here in Niagara.

We would welcome a follow-up interview.

Eileen Pillitteri
Seaway Farms

Talking, learning, listening necessary to understand poverty

Conversations about poverty expected to take place over the course of a year or more



Peter Conradi

Conversations about poverty can get awkward.

It's not easy to sit and listen to others speak about the difficulties in finding the comforts — like playing a grocery bill — so many of us take for granted. And it's even harder when those who struggle in life are judged, often from the dark corners of Internet anonymity, by those who have no real knowledge of living without life's simplest necessities.

Yet talking and listening and learning are things we all must do.

They are a driving

force behind our year-long examination of poverty in our community — our attempt to lift the understanding of the plight of so many of our neighbours, and perhaps shine a light on possible solutions.

Toward that end, the St. Catharines Standard, Niagara Falls Review and Welland Tribune hosted a panel discussion

Tuesday at Mahatya Cafe on St. Paul St. in St. Catharines, one of three held this week — the series kicked off Monday in Owen Sound and concluded Wednesday in Brantford.

Over the course of this project, there will be more. Many more, we hope.

None of these conversations are expected to be easy. But it is our hope that everyone will come away a little wiser.

The point for now is simple — to get this topic off the pages of the newspaper and into the realm of reality. To let everyone see there are actual, living humans impacted by poverty. There is, as we all know, a public that demonstrates everything from compassion to indifference to hostility. The only way we know to draw these reactions



together is to approach the subject head on.

Our online experts are, as always, quick to offer advice. People in poverty it seems have no right to cable television, Internet, cigarettes, name-brand food, clothes that don't come from the Salvation Army, beer, sex, children, cars.

How does it feel to have others so summarily pass judgment on one's existence?

We'll try to find out.

This is not to say, mind you, that all are without charity. We are always encouraged when readers offer assistance — a bed, eye glasses, household items. That no one seems to do.

Kind words go a long way. Words of encouragement, assistance, understanding — understanding that it is a mightily complex issue, one that goes so far beyond the calls of "get a job".

"There is something fundamentally wrong with so many of us hav-

ing to struggle so hard in a nation this wealthy," writes one. "Canada is a great place, a place that should be able to help its citizens when they are down."

Adds another: "I have a decent paying job, which I work damn hard for with my heart and soul, and I still struggle to pay for everything. It's just tax after tax after tax and rising utility bills. I can go on and on, but who will listen?"

Words alone don't fix anything. But they're a start. And that's why we're taking at least a year on this to explore, debate and find some answers.

Peter Conradi is editor-in-chief of the St. Catharines Standard and Niagara Falls Review

Glendale residents would like access to canal recreational path

From Page 5

The better alternative to an appeal is for the town to work with property owners and neighbours to come to an agreement on development, Eke said.

There were a number of

traffic issues raised by residents, issues identified as the responsibility of the Region. A major concern among participants is how much of an increase of traffic will occur once the Outlet Collection at Niagara opens in May.

In the neighbourhood of Glendale, one resident asked if a pathway could be constructed between Glendale and the canal for easy access to the canal pathway.

Medical marihuana growing operations were

also mentioned as a concern. Eke offered that one option being considered by another municipality is to have the federal government require medical marihuana be grown in industrial areas instead of agricultural. He has written the

town's concerns to MP Rob Nicholson and federal Health Minister Rona Ambrose, he said.

He further announced that a public meeting will be held June 16, for which information will be available from the town website

shortly. As with previous town hall meetings a report from Monday's session will be compiled and approved by council, then made available to session participants through email or mail, and on the Town's website.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

82 Four Mile Creek Road
Zoning & Official Plan Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

To permit a small scale commercial operation with associated parking.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed matter is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.



PUBLIC MEETING

Date: May 26, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administration Offices
Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Brynne O'Neill at 905-468-3266, extension 297 or bonelli@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 1st day of May 2014.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

1189 Queenston Road
Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

To permit the creation of an additional building lot.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

156, 158 & 160 Paxton Lane - Zoning By-law Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

To zone three existing lots to allow for single detached dwellings.

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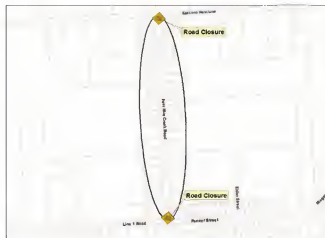
Date: May 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Niagara College Room W111 135 Taylor
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ROAD CLOSURE - FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD



The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will be reconstructing the existing roadway on Four Mile Creek Road, between East-West Line and Penner Street. The work is scheduled from April 29 through to August 1, 2014.

The section of road will be closed to all through traffic for the duration of construction. (Please see above sketch)

A detour route will be provided around the site for traffic. This closure is necessary to facilitate a shorter construction schedule for the reconstruction of the road.

Emergency Services will not have access to the road during this closure.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to Doug Kerr, Deputy Director of Public Works for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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Chamber to promote NOTL at outlet mall

Visitors to the new outlet mall in Glendale may think they've come to shop, but they will be offered an opportunity to do so much more.

Janice Thomson, executive director of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, wants to be sure shoppers who come to the Outlet Collection at Niagara, Canada's largest outdoor shopping facility, know there's another shopping experience of a completely different kind just down the road. She wants them to know about the restaurants, wineries, shops, and events that make NOTL number seven on the list of Top Ten travel destinations in Canada.

Thomson is hoping visitors who have chosen the Glendale mall as their destination will choose to stay overnight or longer, and will book accommodations and event tickets through the Chamber.

The Chamber is opening an information kiosk in the mall to promote the town to shoppers who may not be familiar with Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It already operates 360 days a year from the Court House, and seasonally from early spring to late fall at the bus welcome centre at Fort George, to promote NOTL as a visitor destination.

Thomson says she's excited to have the opportunity to promote NOTL to the huge number of shoppers expected to visit the outdoor mall when it opens next year.

"The addition of Outlet Collection at Niagara gives visitors another reason to explore this area – to shop, sip, sample and savour."

The first-class festivals and events that are presented by Chamber members set the destination apart – the Icewine Festival; winery touring programs; Music Niagara; celebrations of the agricultural bounty; the International Diner en Blanc – all encourage exploration and extended overnight visits, she says.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors, local residents and Chamber members at this, our third, information centre."

The Chamber already has more than 400 members representing a variety of businesses, but as members of the outlet mall come onboard, it will expand the number of retail members, Thomson said.



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Niagara Golf Pro Academy

Local resident and PGA of Canada golf professional Brody Whetham is proud to announce **Niagaragolfpro.com Academy** has officially opened. Offering private, semi-private, ladies only and junior development group clinics, the program aims to introduce new people to the game and help existing players improve their skills.

Golf lessons and registration have begun in Virgil, at the Niagara Sports Practice Center (Highway 55, south of the NOTL airport) and Sparrow Lake Golf Club in Welland.

For several years it has been a goal of Brody's to start his own golf school to share his passion for the sport. With a PGA level 3 teaching (TCCP) certification and over 18 years of experience, he brings a wealth of knowledge and proficiency for the game. After winning several Niagara district PGA

tour events, Brody has been a popular name on the local golf scene for many years. His academy is a welcome addition to the region because it's the only program of its kind in the area. It offers a fun and an informative atmosphere for players of any level to enjoy. His philosophy is about having a good time while learning and improving your game.



Brody believes every golf experience should be a positive one. "Golf should be fun. I try to make sure people have a good time, leave with a smile on their face and more importantly, look forward to the next time they play."

Ladies' group lessons are being offered eight times a week throughout the spring and summer months. Private and semi-private lesson bookings are available daily.

The junior golf program begins in May and will help teach kids the proper etiquette, rules, history and traditions of the game. It is his belief that the Academy will improve children's life skills through self-esteem, integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility. Past student and single digit handicapper Jeremy Wickman says "Brody is a fantastic instructor. He makes it easy to understand your game. Go see this guy - you won't be disappointed!"

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NOTL heritage properties recognized with plaques

Council meeting honours those who preserve and maintain heritage buildings

Jennifer Chornley
Special to the Advance

Twelve historic properties in Niagara-on-the-Lake received commendations at a Special Heritage Council Meeting held Thursday.

At a presentation at the Niagara Historical Society and Museum, members of town council, regional representatives and pro-

vincial representative presented six properties with heritage plaques and five properties with certificates for the Peter J. Stokes Heritage Commendations. "([Tonight]) we honour those citizens who are involved with local heritage conservation projects," said Lord Mayor

David Eke, "many of whom work tirelessly to conserve heritage properties – and in doing so, help to reinforce the unique status and beauty of our community."

Recipients of the Heritage Plaques were 278 Regent Street, owners Paul O'Connor and Melissa

Rocchi; 96 Johnson Street (Vanderlip-Hutchings House), Chris and Jane Hutchings; 123 Johnson Street, owners Brock and Betty Blazey; 69 Plattford Street; 153 Victoria Street, owners Richard and Christine Allen; and 223 King Street, Steve and Elaine Bartolini.

In its 11th year, the Peter J. Stokes Heritage Commendations recognizes five properties representing excellent examples of compatible design, renovation, good contemporary design and maintenance.

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Peter Stokes commendations, volunteer awards handed out

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This year's recipients were 114 Queen Street for compatible design, owner David Jones and Wayne Murray, architect; 1523 Niagara Stone Road for good contemporary design, Silversmith Brewing Company; 482 Victoria Street - Renovations and Maintenance, owner Sylvia Clark; 15506 Niagara River Parkway (De Puisaye House) for maintenance, owners Richard and Nancy Merritt; and 3928 Mississauga St. (Breakendridge-Hawley House) for maintenance, owner Marylee O'Neill.

Janice Johnston of the Municipal Heritage Committee received the Volunteer Service Award for her contribution throughout the past 10 years.

"All of the awards presented tonight are an indication of the pride with which citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake take in their historic architecture and in creating new buildings that exhibit excellence in design," said Eke.

The NOTL Grant Incentive program is now in its 10th year of operation.

Eke said that since its inception, the Town has processed more than 63 applications for grants and is currently accepting applications for 2014.

Sarah Kaufman, managing director of the Niagara Historical Society and Museum, spoke about the museum's upcoming exhibits commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the First World War and NOTL's involvement of training the troops for war activity overseas.



Heritage Plaque recipients at the special council meeting at the Niagara Historical Museum Thursday were Paul O'Connor and Melissa Rocchi from 278 Regent St., Steve and Elaine Bartolini from 223 King St., and Chris and Jane Hutchings from 96 Johnson St., with Lord Mayor David Eke handing out the awards. Missing from the photo are representatives from 69 Plattoff Street and Richard and Christine Allen of 153 Victoria St.

Photo by Jennifer Chornley

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Town settles with developer over Anne St. apartments

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Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Nineteen home owners on Anne St. will have new neighbours, more than they were hoping for.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the developer, Benny Marotta of Solmar Homes, have come to a compromise over the number of apartments in a

four-storey building in the Old Town to avoid an Ontario Municipal Board hearing. Marotta was appealing the Town's attempt to limit the number of units.

The original proposal called for 142 apartments, the Town had set an upper limit of 105 units, and has settled for 125.

"I think it will be nice when it's finished," said Lord Mayor Dave Eke.

And five of seven residents appealing the Town's decision, hoping for an even smaller development, have also settled.

Doug Snider, one of the Anne St. residents who

considered any apartment building out of character with the neighbourhood, has chosen to withdraw his appeal.

It's not what he wants or what he thinks belongs on the street, he says, but at least it's an improvement on the original proposal.

"I think it was a foregone conclusion the OMB would have supported the town and the developer. I didn't have the time or the inclination to go on with it. At least this way we had some input into the design features and landscaping. It's just one of those things—there was going to be an apartment there and

we weren't going to be able to stop it. We felt we'd be better off if we agreed to a compromise."

The town planning department had already won some concessions—a design staff was more comfortable with the access to an underground parking garage, to eliminate car lights shining into neighbours' yards and windows at night, and a major change to the design to the front of the building with the centre of it at four stories. The two sides are only three stories, which was thought to have less of an impact on the streetscape.

Also, the four-storey

portion will be set back 100 feet, breaking up the appearance of one large building.

And instead of townhouses filling every square inch of the property, right up to neighbours' fences, the apartment building has setbacks and landscaping around it, said Snider.

The apartment building will replace homes on three properties known locally as the Sentinel homes and horse barn. George Schachtschneider, also an Anne St. resident, hasn't signed off yet, on principle.

He still doesn't believe

an apartment building is appropriate in his Old Town neighbourhood, or that the Town should have given in with zoning or Official Plan amendments.

He expects he will withdraw his appeal, but he isn't happy about it.

"We're not going to win," I knew that from day one," he says.

"But I go to these meetings and I come home so frustrated. We've spent so much time talking about where to plant trees around the building, and that's not the issue. We shouldn't have to talk about trees; we shouldn't be building it in the first place."



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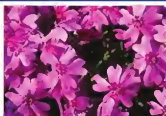
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Welcome offshore farm workers at musical celebration

Expect some Caribbean-style enthusiasm this Sunday at Orchard Park Church

Penny Colles
Niagara Advance

The Niagara-on-the-Lake agricultural community is coming together Sunday, for the eighth annual Farm Workers Welcome Concert.

It is a night of music and celebration, organized to welcome the Caribbean workers who come to Niagara, and to show appreciation for their contribution to the area's rich agricultural heritage, says organizer Jane Andres.

Andres grew up in Niagara, and for the past 15 years has been running a bed and breakfast on Four Mile Creek Rd., surrounded by neighbouring orchards and vineyards.

It was almost a decade ago that she was invited to lead the music at a local church service for Caribbean workers. A musician herself, with many friends and family who share her love of music, she was delighted to help, and began to search for a guitarist to work with her.

She was surprised to learn that there were almost 100 farm workers living within a 10-minute walk of her house, and soon found Winston Green, a guitarist who lived close by.

He quickly became a family friend, says Andres, and the following year he invited them to come visit his family in Jamaica.

In February 2007 Andres traveled to Jamaica with her daughter Kate and Josh Toal, from the band Newworldson. It was the experiences shared during those 10 days that inspired them to create an event to welcome the farm workers



Performing at last year's welcome at Orchard Park Church are Julie Hof from Meyers Farm, Jane Andres, Delroy Myrie and Courtney Mitchell, also from Meyers, and Earl Newell from Epp Farms.
Photo by Joel Hannigan

back in the spring, she said, with Toal rallying his band members to take part.

But Andres has done more than establish a popular spring tradition—her goal was also to open the eyes of the community to the workers who come each year to help local growers. And since then, there have been other events organized, with the help of the Caribbean Workers Outreach Program, to help the farm workers adjust and feel part of the community.

"We're celebrating the feeling of family and celebrating unique relationships," she said.

"It gives us an opportunity to say welcome and thank you to these hard working men and women who have traditionally been living in the margins of our community," she says of the annual event.

"Music has the power to transcend cultural bar-

riers. There is something tremendously energizing and inspiring to be in the presence of 600 farm workers, farm owners and locals, celebrating together!"

About 75% of the offshore workers employed in the agricultural industry also have small farms back home.

"For a lot of the offshore workers, their communities and economies are dependent on the money they send home."

Newworldson will be returning for its sixth time, joined by some of the members of Chops Hops

from New York City.

This year vocalists from Werner and P.G. Enns Farms will be joining Newworldson for a few songs, sure to energize the crowd with Caribbean-style enthusiasm, says Andres.

Support from the agricultural community has continued to grow as farmers recognize the opportunity to enjoy a fun night out together with their crews, boosting everyone's morale, she adds.

"It's also a great way for neighbours to support local farms and welcome the men who work so diligently in the orchards and vineyards for almost eight months of the year."

This year's welcome celebration is Sunday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard Park Church on Hunter Rd. in NOTL.

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Two students to represent Niagara at provincial fair

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St. Michael had seven students representing the school. Every project received top scores.

Robyn Cumiskey presented her project on Shoppers Drug Mart and Anna Smythe presented on the History of the Prince of Wales.

Kyra Marotta, Grade 6 student and a top local figure skater chose her topic on Barbara Ann Scott: because of her love for skating. Kyra's skating coach had actually met the Olympian.

Kyra, who has won many awards herself for figuring skating shared her expertise with the judges. Kyra won the Ontario Founders Award.

Bethany Poll's Grade 6 project was inspired by her love for coins. She was collecting the Canadian Arctic Expedition 1913-1918 special coins and decided to research more about this historic Canadian event.

During her research she learned a lot about the mapping of the Canadian Arctic and also about the people, the Copper Inuit. Bethany was awarded the Woodland Visions Award for best project explaining Aboriginal, Metis or Inuit life in

Canada.

Alexandra Wiley, Grade 6, was very interested to find out about Emily Murphy and her role as a strong Canadian woman. Alex was awarded the Ontario Women's History Network award for her project looking at the life and contributions: Emily Murphy-The Fight for Rights.

Gabe Murray, Grade 8 is a World War expert. His project: The 1st Canadian Paratrooper Battalion, discussed how this battalion was formed in 1942, was the only Canadian group to be in the Battle of the Bulge, and how this battalion never failed to complete a mission.

Emily Warren, Grade 8 took a new look at the War of 1812. Her project, Women and the War of 1812

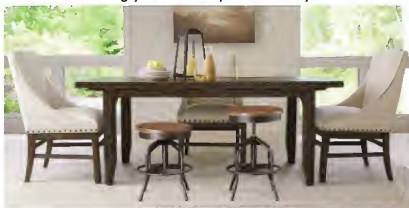
Emily placed 1st overall winning her Outstanding Project Award. Emily focused on the how important the women were during this time and the various roles they took on.

Both Emily and Gabe were chosen to represent Niagara at the Provincial Heritage Fair, to be held in June.

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Local artist to teach palette-knife oil painting at RiverBrink

Arrangements made from fresh garden flowers will inspire paintings

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Artist Anne Reimer will be looking for signs of spring in her own garden, hoping to find inspiration

for a workshop she is teaching at the RiverBrink Art Museum Saturday.

Reimer specializes in painting oils herself, and so it's no surprise that's what she chooses to teach. At her Florals in Oil workshop, she will use a selection of flower arrangements from material she finds in her own garden to instruct students in palette knife application of oil painting.

She's hoping for forsythia and tulips, and whatever else she can find

of interesting colour and texture.

Students will be encouraged to observe the colour, shape and form of the fresh flowers to create their own spring floral still life, learning how to use the palette knife, sometimes working with a full blade or with just the tip to produce the desired texture, Reimer says.

Although it would be helpful to have some knowledge of oil paint, beginners are welcome, she adds.

Reimer also teaches at the Niagara PumpHouse Art Centre, and has had several local exhibits, including at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library. She takes part in the annual outdoor art shows by the gazebo on Canada Day and at the PumpHouse in August.

Reimer is known for her sense of colour, and her love and understanding of nature.

Her inspirations come from the beauty of area scenes and travels, depict-

ing barns, mills, and capturing still life from her garden, she says.

She was born in Paraguy, South America, and immigrated to Canada in 1955 at the age of 16. Her art training comes from Art Instruction Schools Home Study Course, which she says has helped her understand the fundamentals of art.

Her RiverBrink workshop is this Saturday, May 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a half-hour

lunch break in between - bring a bagged lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Cost is \$55, including the \$35 fee and \$20 for a stretched canvas, oil paint and a palette knife.

To register contact RiverBrink at 905-262-4510 or manager@riverbrink.org

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Type of testing for colon cancer depends on family history

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Risk increases with age and family history, says Yelamanchili.

It is recommended that men and women between the ages of 50 and 74, who do not have a family history of colorectal cancer and do not have symptoms, be screened every two years using an FOBT.

For those who have a family history of colorectal cancer in a first-degree relative (parent, sibling or child), the program recommends a colonoscopy to screen for colorectal cancer.

Death rates for colorectal cancer have been falling on average 2.8% each year during the last 10 years.

"Survival rates have been on the rise, thanks to ongoing research leading to better surgical techniques, radiation modalities, and systemic treatments," says Yelamanchili.

"Improvement in the combined chemotherapeutic regimens and the newer-targeted treatments have led to

improvement in the median overall survival for stage for colorectal cancer patients."

Learn about colorectal cancer talk at the next InfoHealth lecture, Wednesday, May 14. Yelamanchili been a medical oncologist for the last four years in St. Catharines. She attended medical school in India

and then completed internal medicine and medical oncology training at the McMaster University in Hamilton.

She leads the gastrointestinal cancer team at the Walker Family Cancer Centre at the new St. Catharines hospital.

Under her leadership, the talk is being given by Heather Bocza and Haroun

Zayed, medical students from McMaster University.

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Wallbangers reunion coming up – with dress code in effect

➤ Sunday
morning hockey
players invited
to play golf and
share memories

set the agenda. Wallbangers will hack it out on the historic links of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Course, and then move on to the community centre for dinner and camaraderie.

Wes and Carl Glauser will organize the golf games according to the Callaway scoring system, which quite often results in puzzling prize winners.

In keeping with Wallbangers hockey tradition, there will be no referees on the golf course. Any disagreements will be resolved by shouting and threatening gestures.

A modest prize table will add excitement, and an "open microphone" will provide the opportunity to ramble on. There will be no mention of Peterborough Old Timer Hockey Tournament trips.

For information and to register your enthusiasm for this Wallbangers Reunion, call Bill Dickson at 905-468-2304 or Wes Glauser at 905-468-7851.

May 24 the Wallbangers dress code will be "hockey sweaters mandatory for dinner."

There will be a prize for the most effluent out fit.

Ross Robinson
Special to the Advance

The all-important dress code has been agreed upon, and 105 current and former Wallbangers hockey players have been invited for some golf and memory sharing.

Gump Worsley, Bobby Orr and Maurice "Rocket" Richard will not be participating, but Bill Dickson, Dave Wall and original goaltender Sean Simpson will join many other veterans of early Sunday morning ice battles for a pleasant game of golf, dinner and an evening of story telling.

Most vignettes will be completely off the record, organizers promise.

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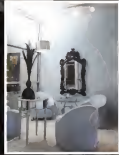
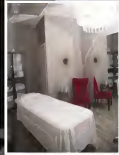
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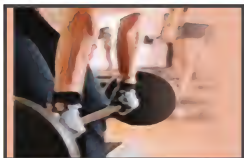
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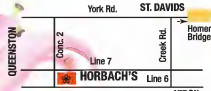
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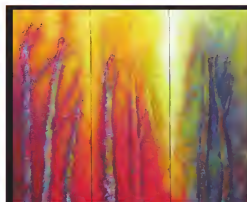
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Jr. B Thunderhawks win home opener 7-5 against Excelsiors

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The Thunderhawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Brampton answered late in the first period to keep the score 2-1 after one.

The teams traded goals in the second period before the T-Hawks pulled away in the third period for the victory.

Goaltending was the story in this game as rookie netminder Keelan Buis made a number of great saves to keep the Brampton team off the board.

While the Niagara team waits for their university players to return, the six dressed rookies played well.

Notable was mascot player Saul Vanderzalm's first goal as a Junior B call-

up for the match.

Other goal scorers included Austin Wright with two and singles from RJ McCormick, Curtis Printup, Nick Snow and Cole Petrie.

Max Antone earned three helpers; with McCormick, Matt Kenney, Zac Dubuc, Ryan Wagner and Dan Williams collecting an assist each.

The team has named its captains for the upcoming season: Ryan Wagner will wear the C, with Austin Wright and Curtis Printup as alternates.

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DYCK, Henry - November 30, 1923 - April 28, 2014 - Entered into the presence of his Lord and Saviour surrounded by his loving wife Elizabeth of 65 years and his family Henry is survived by one younger brother, Gerhard, in Germany. Dear father of Elizabeth (Diane), Henry (Nette), John (Kathy), Neta (Ron), and Martin. Grandfather of 27 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. Henry's deep faith in God led him to serve as deacon in the Virgil M.B. Church for many years. His thankful heart and willingness to serve gave him opportunity to get involved in other ministries, including MDS and home visitations. After retiring from General Motors he enjoyed traveling and gardening, which was one of his favourite hobbies. We will miss him deeply. Many thanks to Dr. Adams and Dr. Blackman and his health team for the excellent care and treatment. Visitation will be held at Cornerstone Community Church in Virgil (corner of Hwy 55 and Field Rd.) from 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Tuesday April 29, 2014. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday April 30th at 10am followed by interment in Niagara Lake Shore Cemetery. Donations to Gideon Bibles or Camp Crossroads would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at

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MITCHELL, (M.E.) Betty (nee Leveaux) - formerly of Niagara-on-the-Lake, died on April 24, 2014 after a short illness. Forever loved by her children Roger (Sharon), Sally (Julian Trachsel), Sue and Buzzy (Elizabeth) (Joe Riehl). Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Rhonda (Mark), Lori, Kerri, Matthew (Chantal) and Whitney and by her great grandchildren Makenna and Tristan. Betty is also survived by her brother Edward (Pat) and his children and grandchildren. Betty was predeceased by her loving friend Ken Langmuir. The family would like thank Dr. Belgeass, Connie Spiece and her nursing team and the staff of the Royal Henley Retirement Residence who kept our mother's spark alive and always treated her with great care and dignity. We also wish to acknowledge the care and attention given by Dr. Gaila Arvino, Carmela Pollock and the team at Hospice Niagara. Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Thursday June 26, 2014 (which would have been Betty's 90th birthday) at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 41 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake. A reception will follow. Flowers are graciously declined. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Betty's memory to The Historic Properties Preservation Fund, St. Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake; or to the Niagara Community Foundation for the LePais Live Fund www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org/donatenow.html

VOEGE, Helen Dorothy - (March 14, 1921 - April 24, 2014) in her 93rd year, passed quietly at the GNGH Niagara Acute Stroke Unit with family at her side. Wife of the late Ed Voege (2009). Loving mother of Kip (Sue), Susan Ruffledge and Judy Singerland. Grandmother of Kim (Craig), Tracy (Ian), Shawn (Tanya), Scott (Sandra) and Wendy (Jeremy). Great "Grandma Melon" and "GG" of Abigail, Elyse, Henry, Sasha, Scarlett, George, Benjamin, Braiden, Colsen, Annette, Stefan and Kendra. Special Aunt of Donna Lindhorst and Jim Lindhorst. Cousin (sister) of Joan Orohio. Helen farmed in Niagara on the Lake and was an active member of the Lincoln County Women's Institute - Virgil Branch and an Auxiliary of Linlithgow and Upper Canada Lodge. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family and many friends. Visitation will take place at the Niagara Ina Gration Gage Village Auditorium, 413 Linwell Road, St. Catharines, ON on Saturday May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 3:30 p.m. In Memory of Helen those who wish, may make a donation to Niagara Ina Gration Gage Foundation, CNIB or the GNGH Niagara Acute Stroke Unit. Cremation has been entrusted to Passfield Mortuary Services and a private interment will take place.

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Scoring were Kris Wilson, Nolan Price, Cam Lowe, Jack Parker, Liam Dietsch, Matteo Fabiano, Christian Blaylock, Mitchell Berg and Aaron Wilson. Will Coughlin continued his strong play in net.

In pee-wee action, the team continued to build on good passing, resulting in a win and a tie. In Game 1, a 4-3 win over Guelph, Brian Smith and Desmond Pickel scored three each, with Joseph Hoover, Cole Burgess and Matteo Giampa pitching in. Game 2 was a tighter affair, ending 4-4 against Centre Wellington. Scoring came from Smith, Hoover and MacGregor Armstrong. Nick Schmidt was very consistent between the pipes.

Bantams also demonstrated fantastic team play this weekend resulting to two impressive wins. First was a dominant 11-3 romp over Guelph, with scoring from Chris Smith, Alex Read, Connor Watson, Braeden Rawsthorne, Nolan Fehr, Cameron Overstrom

and Trent Hunter. In Game 2, the bantams continued to focus on moving the ball, resulting in an 8-6 win over Oakville. Finding

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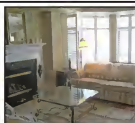
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